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1. Letter dated 3 December 1953 from Ismail Verlacci addressed to Xhevdet Bloshmi for the members of his party:

The Administrative Committee of the Bloc Independent has decided to call a General Assembly of the Party in order to decide on various subjects and elect a new Administrative Committee. The latter is considered very important because of the participation of some members of the Bloc in the National Committee for a Free Albania. It has not been possible to obtain permission for members living abroad to attend the General Assembly, therefore all members of the Bloc not residing in Italy are requested to send a proxy to a member resident in Italy authorizing him to represent them in the General Assembly.

Enclosed in the above letter was a circular letter from Verlacci giving some details on the Party breakdown of the new NCFA and stating that the following were the Bloc delegates to the NCFA: Verlacci, Due Gjon Markaj, Eqrem Vlora, Spyro Gjekko, and Edward Lico. All the efforts made by the Bloc for the admission of adherents of the Alexandria Protocol who are a National Party (Source: He means the group of the pro-Italian Mustafa Kruja) have been rejected on the ground of international political expediency. Verlacci feels "we have never been so near these brothers of ours, to whom they deny all national rights, as we are today. We were in the past and we shall always be near them to assist them in accomplishing their wishes, for we are inspired by the same ideals. We ask all Albanians, no matter what party they belong to, to assist us in arranging this subject in the best possible way . . ."

2. Letter dated 6 January 1954 from Qemal Lepenica, Munich, to Mehmet Kuci, Lavrion:

He writes that Dosti had come a few days earlier and that "our comrades, without a single exception, stood entirely together for the Party's Central Committee to such an extent that our friends were amazed". After several remarks about Hoxha's brutal methods, he says that other traitors will not be neglected.

3. Letter dated 6 January from Ismail Verlaci to Xhevdet Bloshmi:

After some remarks concerning the coming Party Assembly, Verlacci states that he was sorry to hear that Nuri and Naum were killed. He says Nuri was very foolish by acting as he did not follow Verlacci's instructions. He tells Bloshmi to "give my advice to all our other comrades not to take such foolish decisions without my instructions and my consent." The next time Bloshmi writes Verlacci wants the names of the people who accompanied Hamit (presumably Hamit Matiani) and Nuri and some details as to when they left and how the teams were made up.

4. Letter dated 22 January from Ali Klissura, Rome, to Qemal Bej Mesare, Athens:

Klissura thanks Mesare for the sentiments the latter expressed on the participation of Klissura in the new NCFA, and says that it encourages him to continue the policy he has followed in the past. Klissura considers his objectives today to be: concentration of all patriots, intellectuals and other national assets in the NCFA.

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for the purpose of liberating Albania; and the cessation of all party propaganda and party activities.

5. Letter dated 22 January from Due Gjed Markaj, Rome, to Mol Muje Bajraktari, Lavrion:

Markaj urges Bajraktari to stick to his ideas and not to allow "them" to make him change his road (This is apparently a plea to stand by the Independent Party), nor to allow himself to be sent to Albania. He asks Bajraktari to contact Xhevjet Tloshmi and to do nothing without asking him. He also suggests that they exchange views on everything. Markaj mentions that he has not been receiving letters from Yugoslavia as often as before; even those who escaped recently to Yugoslavia are not writing.

6. Letter dated 23 January from Celad Dine, residing in Yugoslavia, to his father, Figri Dine, residing at Menidhi, Greece:

Figri (another son of Figri) has received a passport and will be able to leave Yugoslavia for Trieste. Muamer had left two weeks earlier but Celad had received no word from him. If Figri wants Celad near him, he must send money for the papers and for Celad's trip.

7. Letter dated 23 January from Liaz Berto, London, to Celio Neloj, Lavrion:

Berto remarks that recent events (probably the reorganization of NCFA) have angered them (in London), but they have had an increase in the number of Ballists, one named Aziz Karupi from Tirana, and another from Permet.

8. Letter dated 29 January from H. Kazazi, Via Fiave 24/g, Rome, to Zef Shllaku, Athens:

Kazazi states that Nihat Bucalli has arrived at Trieste and others such as Leke Karapi, Shyqri Lika and his cousin Osman will soon arrive there. Ndoj Prenduhu arrived at Trieste and Pepi took him to Switzerland for treatment. Prenduhu's address is Sanatorium, Les Chamas, aires, Leysin, Switzerland. Both Ramazan Tundu and Vasil Andoni wrote greetings to Zef and Gani (Ksmiti) and signed the letter.

9. Letter dated 30 January from Evangelos Kyros, Athens, to Ismail Verlacci:

Kyros says that Mr. Gotsis has returned from Italy that he was very impressed with his conversations with Verlacci. Kyros says that he has no other news because he does not engage in anything and is not "competent."

10. Letter dated 2 February from Petrit Kelo, Australia, to Skender Dume, Lavrion:

Kelo writes that Hasan Dosti came to an agreement without considering the opinion of the Balli Central Committee. He predicts Dosti will find himself without any adherents because the Balli will continue to implement its program. All the Ballists in Australia have approved the policy the Central Committee has been following, and they got a unanimous vote in the elections for a 12-man Central Committee. Egim Biniaku of Kossovo received the greatest number of votes as a member of Kossovo. Qasim Prodari also had a considerable number of votes cast in his favor. Kelo says that collections for the press and the Balli Central Committee are continuing as before.

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